



Agenda Item Number: 2008-6-9A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: June 10, 2008

Department: County Manager/Commission **Staff Contact:** Comm. Deanna Archuleta
Thaddeus Lucero, County Manager
Dan Mayfield, Deputy County
Manager for Finance

TITLE: Memorandum of Understanding with UNMH for placement of Hospital's Mill Levy on the November 2008 election ballot

ACTION: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of New Mexico Hospital for placement of the Hospital's Mill Levy on the November 2008 election ballot.

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the Hospital Funding Act, Sections 4-48B-1 through 4-48B-29, NMSA 1978, Bernalillo County and the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH) have entered into a lease and operating agreement for the UNMH and the UNM Mental Health Center to provide appropriate health and mental health services to indigent residents of Bernalillo County. A portion of those costs have been financed with a 6.5 mill levy on property in Bernalillo County. In the MOU, Bernalillo County agrees placing a continuation of the mill levy on the November 4, 2008 ballot for voter approval for a term of eight years at the valuation-adjusted rate of 6.4 mills and UNMH agrees to ensure that 12% to 15% of mill levy proceeds will be utilized for operation and maintenance of the UNM Mental Health Center and the provision of behavioral and substance abuse treatment services. UNMH additionally agrees to develop a program acceptable to the County and in collaboration with other community resources, to improve access for indigent residents.

Commissioner Archuleta, a member of the UNMH Clinical Operation Board, has worked closely with Steve McKernan, Chief Executive Officer of UNMH, Dr. Paul Roth, Dean of the UNM School of Medicine and the UNM Board of Regents to ensure compliance with the terms of the lease and operating agreement and to provide oversight of the mill levy proceeds.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding
2. November 7, 2000, Mill Levy Ballot Language

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Bernalillo County as a result of approval of this MOU.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

Commissioner Archuleta and Deputy County Manager for Finance Dan Mayfield have been meeting with community members and UNMH staff to ensure community input and support for this mill levy election. I recommend approval. TL 6/4/2008

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR FINANCE

Final ballot language will be presented to the Board in August 2008. I recommend approval.
DJM

LEGAL

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency. JSL 5/07/08